

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
APRIL 15, 1953

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of April 15, 1953. Councilman Preszler, Richey, Rinn, Robinson and Haskell (Mayor) present; absent, none.

Minutes of the previous meeting, April 1, 1953, were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

REMINDERS	The City Manager reminded the members of the Council that the City of Lodi will act as host to the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities on Thursday, April 23, 1953. The meeting is to be held in the Hotel Lodi. He further reminded them of the May Day Celebration in Los Banos May 3 and the American Legion Picnic at Micke Grove on May 3.
GRANGE PROTESTS LITTERED ROADS	Letter from the Lockeford Grange requesting that necessary steps be taken to prevent the littering of the County roads leading to the City's dump on Harney Lane by the users of the dump. Mr. Weller informed the Council that he had contacted the Sanitary City Scabenger Company and requested that they make every effort to keep their loads covered, and that he had also talked to the County Supervisor from this district relative to the users of the County dump grounds.
LAKE PARK PICTURE GIVEN TO S.J. COUNTY SENATOR	Mr. Weller reported that an aerial photograph of Lodi Lake Park had been framed and presented to Senator Hoffman as the San Joaquin County representative in the State Senate. In a letter dated April 10, 1953, Senator Hoffman expressed his appreciation for the donation to the office.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PARKING METER PETITION	<p>Mayor Haskell opened the meeting to the hearing of those wishing to address the City Council. Mr. H.E. Looser addressed the Council to state that since June of last year he had conducted a careful investigation and found that Lodi businessmen have lost 30% of their business due to the existence of parking meters in the downtown area. He then presented a petition which he claimed to have been signed by 719 Lodi citizens asking the City Council to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Remove all parking meters from the streets of the City of Lodi, or b. Install parking meters in all areas in front of and adjacent to any commercial establishments within the City limits, or c. Submit the question of the continuance of parking meters in the City to the voters at a public election. Mayor Haskell accepted the petition and assured Mr. Looser that after the signatures had been verified, the City Council would give the matter its fullest consideration.
PARKING METER PETITION	<p>Mr. I. W. Loewne then addressed the Council as a spokesman for the residents of Central Avenue and Lodi Avenue districts to submit a petition, signed by 277 citizens, requesting the Council to submit the question of removing all parking meters from the streets of Lodi to the voters of the City at the next general City election. In accepting the petition, Mayor Haskell assured Mr. Loewne that his petition would receive the same consideration from the Council which had been extended to Mr. Looser.</p>

REZONING
PRESZLER
TRACT

ORD. NO. 485
INTRODUCED

This being the time and place set for the hearing of protests to the proposed rezoning of the Preszler Tract from the R-3 and R-4 districts to the R-2 Residential District, the Mayor invited all interested parties to address the Council. There being no protests forthcoming, Councilman Rinn moved, Preszler second, the introduction of Ordinance No. 485, approving the rezoning of the Preszler Tract as proposed. The motion carried.

SOUTH CHURCH
ST. LIGHTING
DISTRICT

RES. NOS.
1734, 1735,
1736 AND 1737
ADOPTED

Mayor Haskell then called for those persons wishing to be heard to protest the formation of the South Church Street Lighting District. The City Clerk submitted a certificate to the fact that no protests or objections had been received by him. There being no objections offered at the public hearing, the City Council then assumed jurisdiction and proceeded under the "Improvement Act of 1911". On the motion of Councilman Richey, Preszler second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1734, adopting the scale of prevailing wage rates for workmen needed to perform the necessary improvement. Resolution No. 1735, declaring that the public interest and convenience require the improvement and ordering the work to be done, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Richey, Preszler second. Resolution No. 1736, directing the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Richey second. Resolution No. 1737, directing that the assessment made distributing the costs of the work be prepared and signed by the Engineer of the Work, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second.

ST. ANNE'S
SCHOOL ALLEY
ABANDONMENT

RES. NO. 1740
ADOPTED

The Mayor then called for protests to the abandonment of the north-south alley between Lots 2 and 3; Block 6, City of Lodi. No protests were offered. Councilman Rinn stated that it was his understanding the curb and gutter on the south side of Walnut Street at the opening of the alley would be replaced by the St. Anne's School authorities. He then moved the adoption of Resolution No. 1740, ordering the abandonment of said alley, with the provision that the recording of said resolution be withheld until such time as the curb and gutter work had been completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. The motion was seconded and passed.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

KIRST ESTATES
TENT. MAP
APPROVED

The tentative map of the Kirst Estates subdivision was submitted for the information of the City Council. Said map provides for the improvement of Westwood Avenue north from Lockeford Street to the south line of the Bowman property. Mr. Kirst explained that the property owners, Gregg and Johnson, just south of Lake Street had been contacted with the offer to improve the street in exchange for the dedication of the necessary land. This offer, he explained, was not accepted by these property owners. The Council found no objection to the tentative map as approved by the City Planning Commission. The council then found that the future extension of Westwood Avenue north from its northerly termination on the map of the Kirst Estates would benefit only those property owners owning property abutting upon said future extension.

1½ TON TRUCK
AND TRACTOR
LOADER SPECS.
APPROVED

The City Manager presented specifications for a one and one-half ton flat bed truck with hoist and and a tractor loader for use in the Engineering Department. Mr. Weller explained that he had been advised by the City Attorney that formal bids were not required for this purchase; however, he wished to bring the matter before the Council for their information and/or suggestions. Councilman Richey moved, Robinson second, that the specifications be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

TRAFFIC
ORDINANCE

Action on the proposed Traffic Ordinance was deferred and the matter set over to a subsequent meeting to allow time for the members of the City Council to study the possibility of including provisions for the establishment of truck routes in the ordinance.

SCAVENGER CO.
FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

Mr. Weller provided the Councilmen with copies of the financial statement of the Sanitary City Scavenger Company. It was agreed that any action to amend the City's agreement with the Company should be deferred until the Council had had an opportunity to thoroughly study the financial statement.

STADIUM
USE

The City Manager reported that he had had a conversation with Bill Hunefeld of Stockton regarding the possible use of Lodi Stadium to hold hardtop auto races during the summer months. Mr. Hunefeld would be interested if he could secure a reduction in the concession rate. Mayor Haskell stated that any arrangement the City wished to make should be approached with the view of including all users of the stadium rather than one individual. It was agreed that the City Manager should talk to Mr. Munson, holder of the concession rights to the stadium, for the purpose of working out a satisfactory arrangement.

RES. NO.1739
ADOPTED

A letter from the San Joaquin County Chamber of Commerce stating that its Highway Committee was planning to present the needs of San Joaquin County to the State Highway Commission in Sacramento, April 17, 1953. The letter requested a resolution from the City Council of Lodi endorsing the program of San Joaquin County Chamber of Commerce as follows:

URGES
HIGHWAY
PROGRAM
IN S.J.CO.

Four-laning Highways 50 and 99 throughout San Joaquin County, the priorities of the various sections to be left to the discretion of the Highway engineers.

Secondly, early consideration should be given to the completion of (a) a new bridge across the Mokelumne River on Sign Route 88 at Clements and (b) completion of the Rio Vista Cutoff from the Mokelumne River to the Sacramento River.

Adoption of Resolution No. 1739, adopting the program of the San Joaquin County Chamber of Commerce was had on the motion of Councilman Richey, Rinn second.

LAWRENCE
HOMESTEAD
STREETS
ABANDONMENT

City Attorney Mullen explained that the streets designated on "The Map of Lawrence Homestead Addition" and on the "Map No. 2 of Lawrence Homestead Addition" have never been abandoned despite the fact that many of the streets have never been opened or used. He explained further that it is very evident that the City, as well as other

ORD. NO. 486
INTRODUCED

interested parties, has in the past relied upon a court decision which abandoned the maps and which decision did not have any effect on the streets and alleys. He recommended that proceedings should be initiated to abandon the streets and alleys which remain unopened pursuant to the statutory provisions contained in the Streets and Highways Code. Councilman Rinn moved, Richey second, the introduction of Ordinance No. 486, declaring the intention of the City Council to abandon the following streets, or portions of streets, and alleys:

As designated on the map entitled "Map of Lawrence Homestead Addition":

Vine Street

Willow Street

That portion of Main Street lying north of Lawrence Avenue, excepting and reserving therefrom an easement for public utilities of 15 feet lying $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet on each side of the center line of said Main Street.

Almond Street, excepting the north one-half of said street which lies west of Stockton Street.

That portion of Lawrence Avenue lying east of Stockton Street.

As designated on the map entitled "Map No. 2 of Lawrence Homestead Addition":

Portion of Central Avenue lying north of Lockeford Street.

Portion of Washington Street lying north of Lawrence Avenue.

Portion of Main Street lying north of Lawrence Avenue, excepting a 15-foot easement lying $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet on each side of the center line of said street.

Wilson Avenue.

Almond Street, excepting the north half of said street lying west of Stockton Street.

Pioneer Avenue.

Portion of Lawrence Avenue lying east of Stockton Street.

Those areas designated as "alley" lying within Blocks 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 23.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$71,722.18 were approved and ordered paid on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Richey second.

SPECS. FOR
LAWRENCE
RANCH SEWERS

Specifications for the construction and installation of storm and sanitary sewers in the Lawrence Ranch Subdivision were approved on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second.

STREET
TREE
REMOVAL

The City Manager presented a recommendation from the City Engineer for the removal of 32 street trees which represent the greatest offenders to sidewalks and curbs and gutters. The City Engineer's recommendation also stated that the curb and gutter displacement in some instances are so severe as to injure the street sweeping equipment.

Councilman Robinson pointed out that it was his understanding that the members of the City Council were to receive a list of the trees which the Engineer wished to remove for personal study before action for approval was taken. Councilman Rinn stated that he did not want to take issue with either the City Engineer or the Davey Tree Surgeon report regarding the advisability of removal of specific trees; however, he was interested in making provisions for notification of property owners when a tree is to be removed. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Richey second, the Council voted to request copies of the City Engineer's recommendations be furnished each member of the Council, and to instruct the City Clerk to prepare a form letter and a poster notice for use in notifying property owners of the intention of the City to remove trees.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

IREY ADDITION
PETITION
RES. NO. 1738
ADOPTED

A petition requesting the annexation of the 7.7 acre parcel lying immediately north of the Zion Reform Church, signed by the owners of the property, was presented by the City Manager. Resolution No. 1738, declaring the intention of the City Council to annex said territory under the provisions of the "Annexation of Uninhabited Territory Act of 1939", designating the territory as the "Irey Addition", and setting the public hearing for May 20, 1953, was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The City Manager read the minutes of the City Planning Commission for the meeting of April 13, 1953.

PRESZLER
TRACT
FINAL MAP
APPROVED

The final map of the Preszler Tract, tentative map having been approved by the Planning Commission, was presented for approval. On the motion of Councilman Rinn, Richey second, the Council approved said final map and authorized the Mayor to sign the map on behalf of the City Council.

CHILD CARE
CENTER LEASE
APPROVED

Mr. Weller presented a lease between the City of Lodi and Lodi Child Service, Inc., for a portion of Maple Square Park at \$1.00 a year. The lease was approved on the motion of Councilman Rinn with the stipulation that this City Council would not entertain further requests for aid or relief by the Lodi Child Service, Inc., beyond those requests previously granted. Mayor Haskell was authorized to sign the lease on behalf of the City of Lodi. (Minutes of May 6: It was further stipulated that should it become necessary at some future date to move the Child Care Center to another site, the City of Lodi would not be responsible for furnishing another site or for any of the costs of such move.)

ORD. NO. 481
ADOPTED

APPROVE
ANNEXATION
NORTHWEST
ADDITION

ORDINANCE NO. 481, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE NORTHWEST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LODI AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME IS ANNEXED TO AND MADE PART OF THE CITY OF LODI, having been introduced at the regular meeting of April 1, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Richey, Preszler second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted, and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Preszler, Richey, Rinn
Robinson and Haskell

NOES: Councilmen, None ABSENT: Councilmen, None
Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 481 in approval thereof.

ORD. NO. 482
ADOPTED

ANNEXATION
GRATTONE
ADDITION
APPROVED

ORDINANCE NO. 482, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE GRATTONE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LODI AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME IS ANNEXED TO AND MADE PART OF THE CITY OF LODI, having been introduced at the regular meeting of April 1, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Richey second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Preszler, Richey, Rinn,
Robinson and Haskell

NOES: Councilmen, None ABSENT: Councilmen, None
Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 482 in approval thereof.

ORD. NO. 483
ADOPTED

ANNEXATION
FIFTIETH
ADDITION
APPROVED

ORDINANCE NO. 483, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE FIFTIETH ADDITION, LANDS EAST OF LODI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, TO THE CITY OF LODI AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME IS ANNEXED TO AND MADE PART OF THE CITY OF LODI, having been introduced at the regular meeting of April 1, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Rinn Second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted, and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Preszler, Richey, Rinn,
Robinson and Haskell

NOES: Councilmen, None ABSNET: Councilmen, None
Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 483 in approval thereof.

ORD. NO. 484
ADOPTED

REZONING LOT
20 AND POR.
LOT 19,
KESSEL SUB.
NO. 2

ORDINANCE NO. 484, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF LODI AND THEREBY REZONING LOT 20 AND A PORTION OF LOT 19 OF KESSEL SUBDIVISION NO. 2 TO BE IN THE R-4 RESIDENCE DISTRICT, having been introduced at the regular meeting of April 1, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Richey second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Preszler, Richey, Rinn,
Robinson and Haskell

NOES: Councilmen, None ABSENT: Councilmen, None
Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 484 in approval thereof.

COUNCILMAN
ROBINSON
COMMENTS ON
ADMINISTRATIVE
EFFICIENCY

Councilman Robinson then commented that he had investigated the number of employees on the payroll over a six-year period and had found that the employees totaled 170 for the fiscal year 1947-48, whereas the total for the fiscal year 1952-53 was 168. The total salaries over this same period had increased by approximately 33%. However, he also learned that the water connections had increased by 32% over the same period. He stated that he could therefore conclude that the City was being operated efficiently and the overall picture was very encouraging.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Mayor Haskell then referred to Resolution No. 1534, adopted on May 3, 1950, setting the term for Mayor at one year and calling for an election of the Mayor by the second meeting in April of each year. Mayor Haskell then stated that he could not consider re-election because of pressing personal

business. At this point he turned the meeting over to the City Clerk. Members of the Council extended their appreciation to Mayor Haskell for his time and unselfish efforts as Mayor. Councilman Robinson then nominated Councilman Richey for the post of Mayor. Councilman Rinn seconded the nomination, and Councilman Haskell called for the closing of nominations and moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Councilman Richey as Mayor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mayor Richey, in accepting the position of Mayor, thanked the members of the Council for the confidence placed in her and stated that she would try to continue the active leadership exhibited by Mayor Haskell.

COUNCILMAN
RICHEY
ELECTED
MAYOR

The meeting was adjourned on the motion of Councilman Robinson.

ATTEST: *Henry A. Glaves Jr.*
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk